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SUBJ: ANDEAN PACT - SEVENTEENTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE

ANDEAN PACT COMMISSION HELD FEBRUARY 14-17

1. SUMMARY: THE ANCOM COMMISSION MET FEBRUARY 14-17 AND QUICKLY ADOPTED SEVEN DECISIONS. NONE HAVE MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE FOR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. THE MORE IMPORTANT CONCERN STANDARDIZATION OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTING, RECIPROCAL SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, AND THE LIBERALIZATION OF LABOR MIGRATION. END SUMMARY.

2. THE SEVENTEENTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE ANCOM COMMISSION MET HERE FEBRUARY 14-17 AND ADJOURNED WITHOUT VISIBLE DISSENSION. DURING THE WEEKS PRECEDING THE MEETING THE PRESS HAD CARRIED REPORTS OF ANTIPATHY IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES TOWARD THE PROPOSALS (PARTICULARLY THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTORAL PROGRAM) PRESENTED BY THE JUNTA IN THE VARIOUS CAPITALS. REPORT OF GENERAL BOLIVIAN DISSATISFACTION WERE PARTICULARLY INSISTENT. IN THE END, HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION SMOOTHLY ADOPTED A SERIES OF DECISIONS
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WHICH, WHILE NOT GENERALLY TOUCHING NATIONAL SORE SPOTS, DEMONSTRATED A WILL TO RESUME THE GLOBAL INTEGRATION PROCESS. THE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS OF ASSIGNMENTS UNDER THE SECTORAL PROGRAMS WILL BE FACED BEGINNING WITH THE NEXT SESSION IN MID MARCH. IN THE MEANTIME THIS SESSION HAS ADOPTED A SERIES OF MEASURES THAT ARE LESS THAN DRAMATIC, BUT WHICH CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF WELDING THE ANCOM COUNTRIES INTO A SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC UNIT.

3. IN SUMMARY THE DECISIONS ADOPTED WERE THE FOLLOWING:

(111) MINOR ADDITIONS TO THE ANNEX OF DECISION 104 (THE RATES OF THE COMMON MINIMUM EXTERNAL TARIFF) WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED IN TOTO NEXT WEEK.

(112) PROVIDES THAT A LIMITED NUMBER OF ITEMS (PRIMARILY FOODSTUFFS) OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO BOLIVIA AND ECUADOR BE TEMPORARILY EXEMPTED FROM AUTOMATIC TARIFF REDUCTION IN INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE.

(113) APPROVES THE ANDEAN INSTRUMENT FOR SOCIAL SECURITY. IN ESSENCE THIS SPECIFIES THAT CITIZENS OF ANY MEMBER COUNTRY WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY MAY BE RESIDENT. THESE BENEFITS INCLUDE ILLNESS, MATERNITY, INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS, HOSPITALIZATION, OLD AGE, AND DEATH BENEFITS.

(114) ADOPTS A MODEL SYSTEM OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTING AND REQUIRES THE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO SUBMIT ACCOUNTING DATA UNDER THEIR PRESENT SYSTEMS TO THE JUNTA WITHIN A SPECIFIED TIME FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION.

(115) PROVIDES FOR THE CREATION OF A SUBREGIONAL SYSTEM FOR THE COMPILATION OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION.

(116) APPROVES THE "ANDEAN INSTRUMENT OF LABOR MIGRATION" EARLIER ADOPTED BY A CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF LABOR. THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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DOCUMENT PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICES OF MIGRATORY LABOR IN EACH COUNTRY WHICH WILL EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND FACILITATE THE FREER MIGRATION OF LABOR AMONG THE MEMBER COUNTRIES.

(117) THE DECISION EMBODIES THE CODIFICATION OF THE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ORIGINAL ACCORD OF CARTAGENA AND THE MODIFICATIONS OF DECISION 24. THE TEXT OF THIS DECISION WAS NOT RELEASED WITH THE OTHERS EVEN THOUGH ITS ADOPTION SHOULD HAVE BEEN PRO FORMA WITH NO NEW COMPLICATING ELEMENTS INVOLVED. JUNTA SOURCES ADVISE THAT THE TEXT WILL BE AVAILABLE WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

4. AS A RESULT OF THE NONCONTROVERSIAL NATURE OF THE DECISIONS THE SESSION WENT SMOOTHLY WITH NONE OF THE CONFLICTS THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATED IN VIEW OF THE SKEPTICAL AND EVEN HOSTILE RECEPTION THE JUNTA RECEIVED DURING THEIR TOUR OF MEMBER CAPITALS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. MORE FIREWORKS CAN BE EXPECTED IN THE NEXT SESSION, NOW SET FOR MID-MARCH, IN WHICH THE COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE UP THE SECTORAL PROGRAMS FOR THE AUTOMOTIVE AND FERTILIZER INDUSTRIES. IN THE INTERIM, VARIOUS NATIONAL

SPOKESMEN HAVE HAILED THE SUCCESS OF THIS SESSION AS EVIDENCE
OF THE RENEWED VITALITY OF THE ANDEAN PACT, OFTEN COUPLING THIS
WITH PREDUCTIONS THAT AN ANDEAN TRIBUNAL WILL BE ESTABLISHED
WITHIN THE YEAR TO SETTLE DISPUTES AND FURTHER HARMONIZE THE
INTEGRATION PROCESS.

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